

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on August 13, 2018 at the City Office.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Dobis and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Present: Mayor Dobis, Treasurer Keerl, Clerk Pierce, Council Members: Peterson, Kaiser, Luenberger, Baird, Thomas, and guests. Absent: Sanderson.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Luenberger to approve the minutes of July 9, 2018 as amended. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Thomas, support by Kaiser to pay the bills in the amount of \$20,335.14. Motion carried: 5-0.

In Old Business Mayor Dobis shared information about the Verizon Wireless contract. The antennas are in place on the water tower and work continues to bring all electrical lines to the tower. A new road has been put in place at the base of the tower for easy access and a generator has been installed. The timeline for service is between Labor Day, 2018 and October, 2018.

Mayor Dobis advised council of the update on a bid from Goodrich Paving and Asphalt in the amount of \$21,900.00 plus \$200.00 per wedging option for work on Second St.

Motion by Baird, second by Luenberger to accept bid and award contract to Goodrich Paving and Asphalt in the amount of \$21,900.00 for the paving work on Second St. plus an additional \$1200.00 for the wedging work. Motion carried: 5-0.

Clerk Pierce reported that the State and City primary election went very well. The new voting equipment worked well and there were no problems. Of the 398 registered voters on the city's current voter list, 171 voted in this election. A very big THANK YOU to the city's Election Inspectors, Marjory French, Debra Halsey, Valorie Bakker and Karen Wingate, for a job well done in making election day a success.

Mayor Dobis advised council as to the millage levy for Water/Sewer for December (winter) taxes. The 2018 millage rate for the General Fund will be 6.0032 mills. which is the maximum allowable by law. The Water mileage was 1.5000 mills and has been paid off. The new Bond Improvement rate will be 3.300 mills. which is lower than the maximum allowable by law. These levies are subject to review as revenue figures become available. Council will be informed of any changes that need to be made.

Mayor Dobis presented to council a request from Ryan and Sandy Mendyka for permission to organize and hold a Labor Day Parade on Sunday, September 2, 2018.

Motion by Baird, support by Kaiser for Ryan and Sandy Mendyka to go ahead with plans for this year's Labor Day parade. Motion carried: 5-0.

City Tax Assessor Randy Thompson discussed how valuations of property are calculated for property taxes and that a property owner with commercial property in the city of Harrisville and Harrisville Township has filed a protest with the state as to the valuation of his property.

Any resident has the right to file a protest and a petition to appear before a tribunal judge as to the request for a ruling on that petition.

Motion by Luenberger, support by Peterson to hire a lawyer to represent the City of Harrisville and to litigate the grievance filed by the property owner. Motion carried: 5-0.

REPORTS

Clerk Pierce reported the Summer Concert Series had to cancel one scheduled concert this season because of the weather. A thank you to the volunteers who helped collect the donations

offered by the audience, and a contribution from the Greenbush Chamber of Commerce. Many positive comments were received as to the variety and quality of entertainment this year. A special Thank You to the members of the Alcona High School Spanish Club for supplying our audience with popcorn and refreshments in your effort to raise money for the upcoming club trip to Peru. Thank you.

Treasurer Keerl reported there will be a budget adjustment to the Minor Street account for the street work to be done on 2nd St.

Harbor Commission: Michael Baird informed council this boating season is going well even with dock construction continuing throughout the season. A letter was received from a boater who has done the “loop” trip from Ft. Lauderdale, FL, up the Atlantic Coast, thru the St. Lawrence Seaway and into the Great Lakes to Harbor Springs. He complimented the harbor crew for their professionalism, their knowledge of boat handling, and their appearance. A special thank you was given to our Harbormaster Jim Ferguson for his management of the harbor. The letter also stated that this boater would highly recommend Harrisville Harbor as a place to stop and that it was the best port of all his stops on his entire trip. Well Done!!!

Planning Commission Chairperson Pizer reports the commission is continuing with work sessions focusing on reviewing the zoning ordinances. A member of the DDA from the state will meet with the commission in September to continue work on the RRC proposal.

Tree Board member Luenberger reported on the list being kept as to trees in the city which need attention.

County Commissioner Johnston reports the Headlee Proposal lost in the county vote and a referendum will be placed on the November General Election Ballot for a county mileage proposal to offset the monies unavailable from the Headlee loss. Because of the Headlee loss, county cuts in revenues will go into place this month.

Fire Chief Klukowski reports three new volunteer fire fighters have joined the department. Also a new door has been replaced on the Fire Department Hall. Mike Baird stated that a new joint fire agreement has been written by the members of the Fire Board which include two members of Harrisville City Council and two Harrisville Township Trustees. This agreement now goes to the City of Harrisville City Council and Harrisville Township Board of Trustees for a vote. August 15, 2018 is the next Fire Board meeting.

Comment Cards: Guest Patty Thomas addressed the tax valuation question, and the trees at the airport.

Councils Last Comments: Alderman Kaiser reports that the city compost yard is being very well kept and is easily accessible. Alderman Baird reports that after 42 years of organizing the Children’s Parade for the 4th of July, Mary Lou Webb has decided to retire and will no longer be available for this event. Mary Lou-THANK YOU for all these years of a very special event which is looked forward to eagerly by the community. You will be missed.

Mayor Dobis moved meeting to be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Next City Council meeting: September 10, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall.

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Mayor _____ Clerk _____